

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

REF: PODGORNYY TELEGRAM RECEIVED 20 JANUARY VIA USSR EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
FROM THE PRESIDENT TO CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY:

QUOTE: DEAR CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF GOOD  
WISHES AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF  
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THE UNITED STATES.

YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE  
IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

I WANT TO STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

2. MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY TO PRESIDENT FOLLOWS:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
JAMES E. CARTER  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

PLEASE, ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON THE  
OCCASION OF YOUR INAUGURATION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AVAILING OURSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY WE WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT IN THE COMING YEARS BY JOINT EF-  
FORTS OF THE SIDES WE SHALL BE ABLE TO REALIZE A NEW IM-  
PORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.  
WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH  
THE SOVIET AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLES, AS WELL AS OF OTHER  
PEOPLES, WOULD ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF STRENGTHENING PEACE,  
ENDING THE ARMS RACE AND DEVELOPING MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS  
COOPERATION.

N. PODGORNYY, THE KREMLIN, MOSCOW, JANUARY 20, 1977.  
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3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EX-  
CHANGE OF MESSAGES BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE KREMLIN  
WISHES TO DO SO.  
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